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Free hospital parking

Staff who drive to work in hospitals in England are probably forking out to park when they get there. Over two thirds of NHS trusts in England charge their staff to use the hospital car park – and most do not guarantee a parking place, even though people buy an annual permit. If the staff spaces are all taken they then have to find, and pay for, a space in other car parks for the duration of their shift. That's a double whammy they could do without.

UNISON, the union for the whole team of NHS staff, believes that staff should not have to pay to park during their working day. That's why we are asking all NHS trusts in England to put plans in place to make parking free for all staff within two years.

We understand that trusts may not be able to immediately terminate their contracts with companies who manage their parking operation, but there are some changes they can make now. We want NHS trusts to:

- only charge staff for the hours their vehicles are parked at the hospital, not for an annual permit
- guarantee a parking place for all staff with a valid parking permit
- provide emergency bays for on-call

staff so they can park for free

- ensure that the cost of parking is more affordable by charging on a sliding scale so staff who earn less pay less
- scrap parking charges for staff with disabilities
- make on-site parking free for all staff on a night shift.

But, at the end of the day, we want all hospital parking to be free for NHS staff during their working hours. That's why we are asking hospital trusts across England to sign up to our NHS parking charter and demonstrate their commitment to getting rid of parking charges for their staff.

Find out more about our campaign at unison.org.uk/hospitalparking

Hospital parking – a charge too far

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